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SUBJECT: NEW CABINET APPOINTMENT

- 1. RADIO SANA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 23, ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF NEW CABINET MEMBER, LTC. HUSJPN SHARAF AL-KIBSI, AS MINISTER OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.
- 2. COMMENT: FORMER LOCAL ADMINISTRATION MINISTER ABDUL MAL K AL-TAYIB WAS STRONG SUPPORTER OF SHAIKY ABDULLA AL-AHMAR AND REPUTEDLY A MUSLIM BROTHER, WHO WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE LIBYANS. NEW APPOINTEE IS A RETIRED ARMY OFFICER, A CLOSE FRIEND OF HAMDI AND ENJOYS A GOOD PERSONAL REPUTATION. THE APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN RUMORED FOR SOME TIME AND IS PART OF HAMDI'S EFFORT BOTH TO BRING IN NEW BLOOD INTO THE CABINET AS WELL AS TO STRENGTHEN HIS CONTROL OVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY AS PART OF HIS PROMISE TO "CLEAN UP THE COUNTRY".

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